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THE EMANCIPATION AMENDMENT.

MEETING IN MUSIC HALL, BOSTON.

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THE meeting in Music Hall, on Saturday evening,

celebrate and rejoice over the passage of the bill

which will free the colored people from slavery.

The hall was elaborately decorated with

national emblems and banners. The company

of the great organ was the "Declaration

of Independence," July 4th, 1776; Freedom for all

men, white and black, assembled in order—after

an excellent music by Mr. Frohock upon the

organ—by Mr. Wright, who read the following

and his regrets that a sudden indisposition pre-

vented his Excellency Gov. Andrew from being

present and presiding over the occasion. Mr. Quincy

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blended with the Declaration of Independence!

(Great applause.)

Mr. Chairman, in the early days of the anti-slavery

movement, those who ventured to espouse it

were "few and far between," we endeavored to

recruit our ranks by singing at our gatherings—

"Come join the Abolitionists!"

"This, the old, the young,

And with a warm and cheerful zeal,

Come, help the cause along!

O that we be joyful, joyful,

When we sing of our glorious day!

"This, the present day! Oppression, fear!—

And the death of slavery! All the controlling elements

of the country—national, state, religious, political, literary,

social, commercial, wealthy, industrial—are

combined for its immediate extinction. There is no longer

occasion, therefore, for the repetition of that persuasive

song, as Jefferson said, in his inaugural message

to Congress, "We are all Federalists, we are all

Republicans"—"so, in view of the dominant anti-slavery

sentiment of the land, it may now be comprehensively

declared, "We are all Abolitionists, we are all loyal-

ists, to the back bone" (loud applause).

Fellow-citizens, we are here, moved as by one electric

impulse, to commemorate a radical change in the

constitution of the United States, which will free

black men from slavery, for more than seventy years, it served as

a powerful barrier to the slave system, giving it nation-

al respectability and security. It was the only

protection in every part of the republic! Pardon me for reminding

you of the old prophetic promises contained in

that Constitution, "O that the present amend-

ment obliterate at a blow. As the first com-

missioner, let the old man eloquent, John Quincy

Adams, be summoned. The following is his testi-

mony:

"In the articles of confederation, there was no guaranty

for the property of the slaveholder—no double representa-

tion for the recovery of fugitive slaves. But when the

constitution of 1787 was adopted, it was the

South, the South, that is, South Carolina and Georgia—

who insisted on the inclusion of the clause which

guaranteed the property of the slaveholder. It was

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to the slaveholders of the North, and the third was the

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the millions whose yokes he has broken (loud ap-

plause).

Poly-citizens, it is through terrible judgments for

our great national transgression that, as a people, we

have been led to see the path of duty and of safety,

and to follow it. Repentantly and resignedly would I

exclaim:

"Be so, Father! Let thy will be done!

Thy will be done, and thy will be done again!

In judgment or in mercy? As for me,

I am content to be numbered with the many who

have bowed their heads in prayer, and have said,

"Thy will be done, and thy will be done again!"

Close and vast an atmosphere of prayer,

And the great God of Israel, the great God of

Israel, bow down before the Spirit of the Lord,

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people, which no Christian or Sabbath-

school teacher under his high and holy mission, shall

penetrate, if it is their good fortune to have a

moment's repose, and a brief address full of hope

for the future and of thanksgiving to God for the

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of the Revolution, the people of this country, in

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man. Seventy-seven years ago, in this city, the

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freedom in those words: "We, the people of the

Commonwealth, do hereby declare that all men are

born free and equal, and have certain inalienable

rights, to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

From that one declaration of constitutional law, has

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acter, we are now met to congratulate ourselves

on the first step in the march of freedom by

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